

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. ~~Powdery~~ A powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer comprising as components:

- about 0.01 to about 20 wt.% ~~percent by weight of the polymer~~ of a fine particle with a particle size of less than about 200  $\mu$ m[[,]];
- about 0.001 to about 10 wt.% ~~percent by weight of the polymer~~ of a thermoplastic adhesive[[,]; and
- about 60 to about 99.998 wt.% ~~percent by weight of the polymer~~ of a water-absorbing polymer particle with a particle size of about 200  $\mu$ m and above,

wherein

the fine particles are bound to the surface of the water-absorbing polymer particles by the thermoplastic ~~melt~~ adhesive and the powdery water-absorbing polymers have either

- a flow value (FFC) ~~within the range~~ comprising from about 1 to about 13, or
- a dust portion comprising [[of]] at most about 6.

2. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to ~~claim~~ Claim 1, with a ~~wherein the flow value (FFC) in the range comprises from about 1 to about 13 and [[a]] the dust portion comprises~~ comprises [[of]] at most about 6, respectively based on the total weight of the powdery water-absorbing polymers.

3. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic adhesive has a melt temperature according to ISO 11357 of at least about 50 °C, ~~preferably of at least 60 °C and even more preferably of at least 70 °C.~~

4. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the thermoplastic adhesive has a melt viscosity according to Brookfield (ASTM E 28) with a number 27 spindle at a temperature of about 160 °C of less than about 2000 Pas.

5. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the thermoplastic adhesive comprises at least about 10 percent by weight of the adhesive of a polycondensate ~~to at least 10 wt.%, preferably at least 50 wt.% and particularly preferably at least 90 wt.%~~.

6. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to ~~claim~~ Claim 5, wherein the polycondensate ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a polyester.

7. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein at least about 80 percent by weight of the fine particle comprises an organic fine particle ~~to at least 80 wt.%, based on the weight of the fine particle~~.

8. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein at least about 80 percent by weight of the fine particle comprises an inorganic fine particle ~~to at least 80 wt.%, based on the weight of the fine particle~~.

9. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein ~~these are~~ the water-absorbing polymers include secondary crosslinked crosslinking in the a surface region ~~by means of a surface crosslinker~~.

10. ~~Powdery~~ The powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer according to ~~claim~~ Claim 9, wherein the surface crosslinking in the surface region ~~crosslinker~~ comprises crosslinking effected by at least one organic compound or at least one polyvalent metal cation.

11. ~~Powdery~~ A powdery water-absorbing polymer comprising to at least about 30 percent by weight of the polymer of wt.% a crosslinked, partially neutralised, ~~preferably neutralised in the range of 60 to 80 mol%~~, polyacrylic acid and with at least one of the following properties:

- P1 a flow value (FFC) ~~within the range of~~ comprising from about 1 to about 13; or
- P2 a dust portion ~~[[of]]~~ comprising at most about 6,
- P3 an attrition index  $A_i$  ~~within the range of~~ comprising from about 1 to about 17;
- P4 an attrition difference  $A_d$  ~~within the range of~~ comprising from 0 to about 7 ~~[[,]]~~; or
- P5 a retention determined according to ERT 441.1-99 comprising ~~[[of]]~~ at about least 20 g/g.

12. ~~Process~~ A process for producing a powdery water-absorbing ~~polymers~~ polymer, wherein as components comprising the steps of:

- providing from about 0.01 to about 20 percent by weight ~~wt.%~~ of a fine particle with a particle size of less than about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~[[,]]~~;
- providing from about 0.001 to about 10 percent by weight ~~wt.%~~ of a thermoplastic adhesive ~~[[,]]~~;
- providing from about 60 to about 99.998 percent by weight ~~wt.%~~ of a water-absorbing polymer particle with a particle size of about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  and above ~~[[,]]~~; and

~~are brought into contact~~ contacting the fine particle, the thermoplastic adhesive, and the water-absorbing polymer particle with each other at a temperature ~~within the range of comprising from about 120 to about 250 °C, preferably 150 to 220 °C and particularly preferably 170 to 200 °C.~~

13. ~~Process A process~~ according to ~~claim Claim~~ Claim 12, wherein the ~~bringing into contact~~ contacting occurs in a continuously conveying mixing oven.

14. ~~Process A process~~ according to ~~claim Claim~~ Claim 13, wherein the oven has comprises movable, heated conveying means.

15. ~~Process A process~~ according to Claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12 to 14,~~ wherein ~~as further component comprising providing~~ a secondary crosslinker is ~~brought into contact and contacting the secondary crosslinker with any one of the fine particle, the thermoplastic adhesive, the water-absorbing polymer particle, or any combination of any of the preceding.~~

16. ~~Process A process~~ according to ~~claim Claim~~ Claim 15, wherein the contacting comprises contacting the secondary crosslinker and the thermoplastic adhesive are conducted together to the other components with the fine particle and the water-absorbing polymer particle.

17. ~~Process A process~~ according to Claim 15 ~~claim 15 or 16,~~ wherein at least the secondary crosslinker ~~is present in~~ comprises a liquid phase.

18. ~~Powdery A powdery~~ water-absorbing ~~polymers polymer,~~ obtainable by a process according to Claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12 to 17.~~

19. Powdery A powdery water-absorbing polymers polymer according to ~~claim~~ Claim 18 with at least one of the properties P1 to P5 defined in claim 14 comprising at least one of the following properties:

P1 a flow value (FFC) comprising from about 1 to about 13; or

P2 a dust portion comprising at most about 6,

P3 an attrition index  $A_i$  comprising from about 1 to about 17;

P4 an attrition difference  $A_d$  comprising from 0 to about 7; or

P5 a retention determined according to ERT 441.1-99 comprising at least about 20 g/g.

20. Powdery A powdery water-absorbing polymers polymer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11, 18 or 19~~ Claim 1, wherein at least about 50 percent by weight wt.% of the powdery water-absorbing polymers have a particle size ~~within the range of greater than~~ comprising from about 50 to about 2,000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

21. Transport A transport process, wherein comprising flowing the powdery water-absorbing polymers polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 12, 18 or 19~~ flow through a channel.

22. Process A transport process according to ~~claim~~ Claim 21, wherein the channel ~~forms~~ comprises part of an installation for producing a water-absorbing polymer or of a dosing system for a water-absorbing polymer.

23. Composite, A composite comprising the powdery water-absorbing polymer polymers according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12, 18 or 19~~ Claim 1.

24. Chemical products, A chemical product comprising the powdery water-absorbing polymers polymer according to Claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 12, 18 or 19~~.

25. ~~Use of a thermoplastic adhesive for alteration of the~~ A method of altering a  
flow value (FFC) or ~~[[the]]~~ a dust portion in a powdery water-absorbing polymer ~~polymers~~  
comprising ~~this~~ adding a thermoplastic adhesive ~~with respect to the~~ powdery water-  
absorbing polymer ~~polymers not comprising this thermoplastic adhesive.~~